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PATENT APPLICATION

In re the Application of

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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 2, 3 and 5 as follows:

2. (Amended) An optical filter that is provided at an optical path between a photoelectric conversion device which converts a subject image formed at a light-receiving surface thereof to an electrical signal and an optical system which forms the subject image with a light flux from the subject at said photoelectric conversion device, to filter the light flux, comprising:

a plurality of filter layers that are laminated along a direction of an optical axis of the light flux that passes through the optical filter, the plurality of filter layers including at least a first filter layer and a second filter layer which are laminated with each other; and

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